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KARMAL CHAIRS 5 MAY CABINET MEETING; DECISIONS ANNOUNCED

LD062348 Kabul in Dari to Europe 1730 GMT 6 May 80

[Text] Under the chairmanship of Babrak Karmal, the general secretary of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan [PDPA] Central Committee, the chairman of the Revolutionary Council and the prime minister of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan [DRA], the Council of Ministers met yesterday in the Revolutionary Council headquarters and considered a number of proposals of the ministries and made the appropriate decisions.

According to Soltan 'Ali Keshtmand, vice president of the Revolutionary Council, deputy prime minister and minister of planning [titles as heard], the Council of Ministers considered the economic and social development plan for 1980 and adopted a number of measures and issued necessary instructions to the responsible departments for their implementation.

On the basis of the separate proposals of the Ministry of Commerce, the following measures were adopted at the Council of Ministers meeting:

In order to aid the peasants in the manufacture of small agricultural implements and the preparation of the necessary goods for the families of the peasants and agricultural workers and to aid in the sale of surplus agricultural produce and farm animals and the provision of the necessary material for urban consumers engaged in industrial and administrative work, the establishment of four consumer cooperatives in the city of Kabul and of three consumer cooperatives in the districts of Kabul Province has been approved. On the (?authority) of the general department of commerce of the Ministry of Commerce these cooperatives have been placed under the supervision of the general department of internal trade and consumer cooperatives.

The agreement on consumer goods equivalent to 100 million rubles of the USSR grant-in-aid to Afghanistan has been approved and a commission under the chairmanship of the minister of commerce has been appointed to receive and distribute consumer goods to the (?deserved receivers) at a preferential price to those holding coupons and to make appropriate decisions in selling these goods in the normal way on the market. For the purpose of practical and administrative progress, government institutes such as the institute of friendship cooperatives and commerce should be established and the proposed budget should be specified. The purchase of 50 vehicles [words indistinct] 200 vehicles [words indistinct] 300 (?Tatra) trucks and the necessary spare parts has been approved by the Czechoslovak side, and the Ministry of Commerce has been instructed to sign the contract.

The exchange of (?contracts) that have been signed between Afghanistan and Czechoslovakia, on the basis of which the protocol for the exchange of goods between the two countries for 1980 was renewed, has been approved.

The agreement on the receipt of 140,000 tons of wheat in grant-in-aid from the USSR, which was signed some time ago, was approved in yesterday's Council of Ministers meeting and was submitted to the Revolutionary Council Presidium for the completion of its final stages.

On the basis of the proposal of the Ministry of Public Health, the health cooperative agreement between Afghanistan and Czechoslovakia that was previously signed between the two countries was approved.

On the basis of the proposal of the Ministry of Mines and Industries the necessary equipment for the new textile plant extension in Balkh has been exempted from the customs duties.

DEPUTY PREMIER, FOREIGN MINISTER LEAVE FOR TITO'S FUNERAL

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[Text] The Information Department of the Foreign Ministry reports that Soltan 'Ali Keshtmand, member of the Politburo of the Central Committee of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan [PDPA], deputy of the Revolutionary Council, deputy prime minister and minister of planning, and Shah Mohammad Dost, member of the Central Committee of the PDPA and foreign minister, left Kabul this afternoon for Yugoslavia to attend the funeral of Marshal Josip Broz Tito, the president of Yugoslavia. At the airport Abdol Hadi Mokammel, political official at the Foreign Ministry, Sayyed Abdol Razeq 'Abedi, chief of protocol at the Foreign Ministry, and a number of high-ranking civil servants at the Ministry of Planning and the Foreign Ministry were present to see them off.

KARMAL, OTHERS OFFER CONDOLENCES AT YUGOSLAV EMBASSY

LD062303 Kabul in Dari to Europe 1730 GMT 6 May 80

[Text] Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan [PDPA] Central Committee, chairman of the Revolutionary Council and the prime minister of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan, went to the SFRY Embassy in Kabul where he expressed his condolences on the passing away of Marshal Josip Broz Tito, the president of that country, and signed the special book which has been opened for this occasion at the Yugoslav Embassy.

Similarly, Dr Saleh Mohammad Ziray and Nur Ahmad Nur, members of the PDPA Central Committee Secretariat and Politburo, and a number of the high-level government officials and the ambassadors of foreign countries in Kabul went to the Yugoslav Embassy in turn between 1000 and 1300 today, where they expressed their sorrow and condolences on the death of Marshal Josip Broz Tito and signed the special book. Marshal Tito, a prominent personality who fought against fascism [word indistinct] and was among the founders of the nonaligned movement and the president of the SFRY, died on Sunday at the age of 87.

PAKISTANI-AFGHAN FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION GREETS KARMAL

LD062300 Kabul in Dari to Europe 1730 GMT 6 May 80

[Text] In a telegram addressed to Babrak Karmal, the general secretary of the Central Committee of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan [PDPA] the chairman of the Revolutionary Council and the prime minister of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan [DRA] the members of the friendship association of Pakistan and Afghanistan have conveyed their warm greetings on the occasion of the second anniversary of the Sawr Revolution to the people of Afghanistan, the PDPA and the DRA Government and have expressed the belief that the people, party and Government of Afghanistan will overcome all conspiracies of the imperialist powers and their servants under the guidance of irreligious China.

It is added in the message that as a result of the Sawr Revolution, a new democratic and progressive Afghanistan, which is a glowing light in this region, has come about. This is a fact which has made uncomfortable the reactionary and imperialist lackeys of some of the countries bordering Afghanistan. These people for the sake of preserving their own class interest are engaging in conspiracies against the new Afghanistan. But there is no doubt that these mean struggles are doomed to fail and the final victory will be that of DRA.

KABUL CARRIES NEW TIMES EDITORIAL ON U.S. INTERFERENCE

LD062259 Kabul in English to Europe 1900 GMT 6 May 80

[Text] The Kabul NEW TIMES in its 5 May issue carries an editorial entitled "CIA Continues Interference in the Internal Affairs of Democratic Republic of Afghanistan," which will be brought to you next from radio Afghanistan:

Immediately after the Sawr Revolution was staged by the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan with the help of the heroic armed forces and the support of the noble people of Afghanistan, imperialists started to resort to various wild designs and subversive activities to curb the advancement of the Sawr Revolution and its gains. The people of Afghanistan have been witnessing that in the light of the lofty objectives of the Sawr Revolution the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan, the vanguard of the workers' cause, adopted revolutionary measures to translate the aspirations of the revolution into action. Along with these measures, which were undertaken in the interests of the majority of toiling people of Afghanistan, the internal and external reactionary forces led by the agents of U.S. imperialism made all efforts to topple down the regime brought to power as a result of the Sawr Revolution.

The CIA gave fresh impetus to its activities in the region and inside Afghanistan. It stepped up its wild designs with the help of its agents in Afghanistan. It helped Amin to grab power through unchivalrous deceptive plots, dealing the Sawr Revolution a heavy blow. Under the imperialist designs Amin, the agent ofCIA, (?honed) the national and religious (?prejudices) of our heroic working people, employing treacherous methods to persecute the innocent people and a large number of members of People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan and intelligentsia.

In the same way the exploiters and reactionaries, who had lost their privileges as a result of Sawr Revolution and were deceived by the enemies of our people, fell prey to the designs of the imperialists led by CIA. As described by Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the Central Committee of the People's Democratic [Party] of Afghanistan, president of the Revolutionary Council and prime minister of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan, following the Sawr Revolution allegations drugging public opinion, economic blockade, subversion, creating hunger and devastation, temptations and threats, intimidations and terror, robbery and plunder, comprise the methods used by international imperialist reaction in its collusions with counterrevolution. World imperialism and international reaction in cooperation with the reactionaries of the region began to carry out vast propaganda against the Sawr Revolution and its gains. They voiced all shameless lies and fabrications and slanders against the Sawr Revolution, trying to bring it to failure and put reaction (?in) power.

According to an announcement made by the BAKHTAR NEWS AGENCY, which was carried in the Kabul NEW TIMES and other newspapers yesterday, evidences are found which indicate that CIA continues its interference in the internal affairs of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan with an attempt to bring to stop the revolutionary changes taking place especially under the new phase of the glorious Sawr Revolution. According to information obtained as a result of interrogating certain elements, it is revealed that in 1977 CIA stepped up its efforts to intensify its imperialist domination over Afghanistan and undermine Afghan-Soviet relations. CIA subversive activities were further intensified after the victory of the great Sawr Revolution in an attempt, at (?once) to put into effect the U.S. imperialist designs and plans aimed at dealing a heavy blow tothe progressive regime in Afghanistan.

It is a matter of regret (?to tell you) that there has been close contact between the CIA espionage operation leaders and high-ranking officers of Pakistan including Afga Shahi, foreign relations adviser to Ziaul Haq, the president of Pakistan. In collaboration with the Pakistan Central Intelligence Department, the Central Intelligence Agency, CIA, worked out U.S.-Pakistani espionage plans against the revolutionary Afghanistan. Under these plans CIA espionage figures tried their best to unite and organize counterrevolutionary groups against the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan. Deploring the subversive and espionage activities of U.S. imperialism against the people of Afghanistan, we are fully convinced that all the vile designs of U.S. imperialism will be doomed to failure as the Government of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan is alert against the enemies of the people of Afghanistan and the Sawr Revolution.

The final victory will be with the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan and the people of Afghanistan, who are marching ahead to build a new society in which everyone will lead a prosperous life.

And that is the end of the editorial published in 5 May issue of Kabul NEW TIMES.

RESOLUTION WARNS AGAINST FOMENTING CAMPUS UNREST

LD061915 Kabul in Dari to Europe 1730 GMT 6 May 80

[Text] The council of representatives of technical department employees and military college personnel, at a meeting on the provocations and conspiracies by bands linked with reaction and imperialism, who by the order of the sworn enemies of Afghanistan have (?attempted) to create disquiet in the schools and the university, yesterday passed a resolution.

The resolution says that the technical department employees and military college personnel, with their lofty revolutionary and patriotic sentiments, ask all students and undergraduates not to be deceived by the provocations of the enemies of the Sawr Revolution and of the country and to continue their studies.

We workers warn our class enemies not to interfere in our security and internal affairs. We workers invite all progressive toilers and intellectuals of Afghanistan to unite under the leadership of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan in a broad national fatherland front, and to struggle decisively against all conspiracies and provocations by our enemies. We workers will cooperate in handing over the destructive mercenaries and spies of imperialism, these enemies of our beloved country Afghanistan, to the security forces.

We also ask [word indistinct] all respected parents of students and undergraduates to inform their sons and daughters of the conspiracies of the enemies.

AFP REPORTS ON STUDENT UNREST IN KABUL

Soviet Envoy Escapes Shooting

OW062024 Paris AFP in English 2012 GMT 6 May 80

[Excerpts] Peshawar, Pakistan, May 6 (AFP)--The Soviet ambassador to Afghanistan, Ahmed Janovitch [name and title as received], escaped unharmed from a shooting attempt on his life during a "massive anti-Russian rally" of 10,000 Sunday in Kabul, the rebel Islamic Alliance for the Liberation of Afghanistan announced here today.

In a communique, the rebel group also said that two Russians were killed when a Kabul high school girl grabbed a gun from a male colleague and opened fire on Soviet troops guarding the Kabul governor's house. The girl was killed when the guards returned the fire, the rebels said.

Saying that student tension in Kabul had not cooled down, the rebels reported that two youths in Sunday's rally sprayed the Soviet ambassador's car with pistol fire as he was surveying the demonstration, but he was not harmed because the car was bulletproof. The ambassador's bodyguards then attacked the two students, who were seriously injured in the scuffle, the alliance said.

The alliance rebel group said that last Sunday's march was to protest the killing of a student, who had demonstrated last month against the Soviet intervention, on the eve of the second anniversary of the 1978 Soviet-backed Afghan revolution. The students had called for a general strike for Sunday, and were joined by a number of government and factory workers, the rebels said.

The students also called for the release of their colleagues, arrested in other anti-Soviet demonstrations in Kabul and other cities, the rebels said. Alliance sources said that the students surrounded the Kabul governor's residence and raised anti-Soviet banners.

Tension in the city continued to run high, the rebels said.

Student Killed, 1,000 Arrested

OW061748 Hong Kong AFP in English 1730 GMT 6 May 80

[Text] New Delhi, May 6 (AFP)--One student was killed after someone, believed to be an armed worker of Afghanistan's ruling People's Democratic Party, fired on a procession of students on Saturday, PRESS TRUST OF INDIA (PTI) news agency reported from Kabul today.

According to PTI, the procession was also baton charged near the office of the Afghan Red Crescent by party workers after police refused to disperse the students demonstrating against the Russians.

The procession was taken out early in the morning by about 4,000 to 5,000 students of Kabul University. Students and policemen escorting the procession shouted "Allahu akbar" (God is great), PTI said.

About 1,000 students were rounded up after the baton charge and taken to Pol-e Charki jail, 20 kms (12 miles) away from Kabul, the report added.

PRESIDENT RAHMAN LEAVES TO ATTEND TITO FUNERAL

BK070515 Dacca Overseas Service in English 0445 GMT 7 May 80

[Excerpt] President Ziaur Rahman left Dacca this morning for Belgrade to attend the funeral of the late President Marshal Josip Broz Tito of Yugoslavia.

IRANIAN STUDENTS DEMONSTRATE BEFORE U.S. EMBASSY IN DACCA

BK051603 Hong Kong AFP in English 1544 GMT 5 May 80

[Text] Dacca 5 May (AFP)--About 50 Iranian students today demonstrated in front of the American Embassy in Dacca shouting "down with Carter" and "long live Khomeyni" the official agency BSS reported.

The agency said the demonstrators, including some Palestinian students studying in Dacca, belonged to the Iranian Islamic Students Association. Earlier they marched through the streets carrying placards and banners some of which bore photographs of Iranian revolutionary leader Ayatollah Khomeyni and Palestinian Liberation Organisation leader Yasir 'Arafat. The slogans also included "down with U.S. imperialism", "long live 'Arafat" and "long live the Iranian Revolution."

The demonstrators burnt a U.S. flag in front of the heavily guarded embassy in Dacca's Motijheel commercial area before peaceful dispersing.

Eyewitnesses said during the half an hour demonstration, the students distributed some leaflets and posters on Iranian Revolution among the crowd.

INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT SIGNED WITH BULGARIA

BK070337 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 7 May 80

[Text] India and Bulgaria have signed a protocol in New Delhi for strengthening industrial cooperation in the field of heavy machine building, ship building, metallurgical plants, machine tools, petrochemicals and agro-industries.

The protocol follows conclusion of discussion of the industrial cooperation working group of the Indo-Bulgarian joint commission. The Bulgarian side led by First Deputy Minister for Heavy Industry Iliay Ivanouski has identified several Indian items which could be imported by that country. They include: sophisticated machine tools, metallurgical equipment and earthmovers. On behalf of India heavy industries, Secretary B. Krishnamurthy signed the protocol.

DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING UNREST IN NORTHEASTERN STATES

Gauhati Court Rejects Government Petition

BK061600 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 6 May 80

[Text] The Gauhati high court today rejected a petition by the government of Assam to exempt them from producing the detinues held under the Assam preventive detention ordinance 1980. The single bench judge of the Gauhati high court, consisting of Mr Justice Ibotombi Singh, while rejecting the petition, ordered the government to produce the detinues in batches and directed them to produce the first batch of nine detinues tomorrow before the court. The court also refused to grant leave for appeal to the supreme court or to stay its order.

Picketers Arrested in Assam

BK061233 Hong Kong AFP in English 1145 GMT 6 May 80

[Text] New Delhi, 6 May (AFP)--Several thousands of anti-foreigners agitators in Assam were arrested today when they picketed government offices throughout the eastern frontier state as part of their eight-month-old campaign. Reports reaching here said that the arrested included a large number of women. All of them were, however, let off later. There were no incidents. Today was the second day of the mass picketing, the latest phase into the campaign, which was to continue till Friday next.

Meanwhile the situation in Kamrup area in the state's Nowgong district, where at least ten people were injured in firing by the para-military Central Reserve Police on the agitators (CRP) on Monday, was reported quiet but tense. Fresh reinforcements of police and other security force have been dispatched to the area for intensive patrolling. The authorities have ordered judicial inquiry into the incidents at Kamrup, the reports said.

Assamese Official Interviewed

BK061719 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1545 GMT 6 May 80

[All-India Radio correspondent Harish Sehgal interview with S.C. Sarin, principal adviser to the governor of Assam--recorded]

[Text] [Question] Mr Sarin, the agitation in Assam over the foreign nationals issue is causing concern and anxiety. The viewpoints of students, political parties and government over the issue are well known. You have recently gone to Assam as principal adviser to the governor. What is your assessment of the overall situation, and do you think a solution is in sight ot the problem?

[Answer] I have been in Assam only 11 or 12 days. I have visited five districts apart from Kamrup. The All Assam Students Union's main demand relates to what they call foreigners. These are people, very briefly, who have been migrating from Nepal or have come from East Pakistan--Bangladesh, after its establishment. Every Indian is against foreigners. After spending tens of millions on family planning, clearly we do not want a readymade foreign population. It is, however, not easy to uproot hundreds of thousands of people. There are, therefore, administrative difficulties. A satisfactory solution has to be found. It will take a little time.

[Question] During your visit to Delhi you had a meeting with the prime minister as well as the home minister. What did you discuss with them?

[Answer] I have had talks with the home minister and the prime minister. The home minister was concerned to find out the present law and order situation, and I acquainted him with it. I also talked to the prime minister with regard to the law and order situation. She was wanting to know what was being done regarding supplies of food-grains, diesel, kerosene, etcetera, salt and so on. She was anxious to find out also whether we were taking necessary steps to stop further infiltration, as it was the most vital subject just now.

[Question] Talking about infiltration, has the process to indentify and detect foreign nationals been initiated? If so, what measures have already been taken to tackle the issues?

[Answer] Well, this is a continuous process and this was taking place and some of the fresh arrivals had been pushed back and the most important thing, while the agitation is going on, is to insure that no further infiltration takes place.

[Question] Mr Sarin, the present agitation is about foreign nationals, as correctly pointed out by you. What steps have been taken, precisely, to stop infiltration across our borders with Bangladesh?

[Answer] We have a large number of posts along the border touching (?whole) Assam. Behind the posts we have a number of other posts to further check people coming from across in depth. One of the weaknesses just now was that there is not adequate arrangement with regard to infiltration through the river [Brahamputra]. I particularly discussed that, and it has been decided that it will be immediately strengthened. And arrangements have been made to send six motorboats almost immediately to Guahati so that they can be distributed along the border to check infiltration across the river. And the posts on the border will also be further strengthened.

[Question] You have just now referred to the supply of essential commodities to the region. As is well-known the people have been hard hit in the northeastern region, particularly Assam. What steps do you envisage or have you already taken to maintain supply lines in the region?

[Answer] I had discussions both with the food corporation and the railroad board to insure that a sufficient amount of foodgrains, salt, sugar, etc., is dispatched and effectively reaching the destinations in Assam so that during the rains there is no problem with regard to obtaining them locally.

[Question] About the law and order situation in the state, Mr Sarin, will you tell us what is the situation now?

[Answer] It is very very difficult to give an appreciation of the situation in a few words. But I would say that it is coming increasingly under control.

[Question] The present agitation, it is said, has people's support. In your view, what is the present mood? Do people want it to end [words indistinct] peacefully? Or do you think it will continue?

[Answer] The objective of the agitation is not to have foreigners in Assam. With this objective, nobody can have a dispute. I am personally in favor of not having any foreigners in Assam. But it has a number of administrative angles and it is a matter of convincing the people that the Government of India and the state administration both are working toward the same objective.

Secessionists Arrested in Manipur

BK070926 Hong Kong AFP in English 0906 GMT 7 May 80

[Excerpt] New Delhi, 7 May (AFP)--Police arrested 87 secessionist guerrillas on the Indo-Burma border in the strife-torn north-eastern Indian state of Manipur last week as they were trying to sneak into upper Burma for arms training, highly placed sources in the Interior Ministry confirmed today. Earlier reports from Imphal, capital of tiny Manipur state, bordering Burma, had said that about 200 people were arrested by the police and were charged with secessionist activities.

News agency reports quoting police sources named the leader of the guerrillas as Mr Rajen Singh and said that he had admitted under interrogation that he was leading the group to [word indistinct] in upper Burma for arms training. The reports said that majority of the arrested guerrillas were below 20 and were tribals.

A Peoples Liberation Army (PLA) red flag, one transistor and a cassette tape containing PLA propaganda were recovered from them. Unconfirmed reports said that they were also in possession of semi-automatic weapons believed to have been snatched earlier from the Indian Army and para-military forces.

The Peoples Liberation Army (PLA) formed in the early 70's by an outlaw, Mr Bisseswar Singh to struggle for the independence of the tribal-dominated Manipur state from the Indian union was merged with a new secessionist organisation "the Seven United Liberation Army" (SULA) in April this year. The SULA claimed support of underground organisations in all the seven north-eastern states of Assam, Manipur, Tripura, Nagaland, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram.

Initially the Interior Ministry did not attach much importance to the formation of SULA, claiming that it had no mass base. However, developments later proved that the ministry was wrong. The SULA had announced that it would coordinate secessionist movements in the seven states to carry out the "final struggle for independence from the Indian colonialists and expansionists."

Last month red flags were seen hoisted in several towns in the north-eastern states and later the SULA claimed responsibility for it. However, the SULA and the PLA in India have no ideological similarity with the Chinese as they do not subscribe to the communist ideology, an Interior Ministry source said.

Commodities Air Dropped in Mizoram

BK031640 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 3 May 80

[Text] The air force today commenced air dropping of 400 tons of essential supplies in Mizoram to meet the emergent requirements of the local people. According to official sources, on getting an SOS from the state government, six sorties of transport aircraft and helicopters dropped rice, wheat flour, sap, kerosene oil, edible oil, sugar and other necessary items. The air dropping will continue daily until a planned load is dropped. Emergent air dropping has been necessitated by acute shortages of food supplies in certain remote and inaccessable areas of Mizoram caused by the current agitation in the northeastern region impeding movement of rail and road transport into these areas.

Demonstrations in Meghalaya

BK020904 Hong Kong AFP in English 0547 GMT 2 May 80

[Text] New Delhi, 2 May (AFP)--About 600 students were arrested in the northeastern Indian state of Meghalaya, bordering Bangladesh, yesterday for violating a government order, which prohibits assembly of more than five persons in public places, delayed reports reaching here today said.

The students in thousands came on the streets and demonstrated supporting the 8-month old Assam agitation demanding detection and deportation of immigrant workers from Bangladesh and Nepal, the reports said.

The Assam agitation against the immigrants, which was confined to the state in the early stage, has now engulfed three of the six other north-eastern states. The states where the agitation is picking up are Manipur, Meghalaya and Nagaland.

New Party Formed in Nagaland

BK020809 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0730 GMT 2 May 80

[Text] In Nagaland, a new party named Naga National Democratic Party has been formed by joining together the United Democratic Front [UDF] and the Naga National Party [NNP] which claims a majority in the 60-member assembly. The members of the new party told newsmen in Kohima this morning that they have apprised the governor of the formation of the party and its strength in the state assembly.

In a joint statement, leader of the Naga National Party J.B. Jasokie and the four former UDF ministers said the MNP and the UDF have decided to realign themselves into a single regional party in view of the uncertain political condition in Nagaland and in the larger interest of the Naga people.

PRESIDENT HAQ LEAVES FOR BELGRADE FOR TITO'S FUNERAL

BK070615 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0600 GMT 7 May 80

[Text] President Gen Mohammad Ziaul Haq left Islamabad for Belgrade this morning to attend funeral ceremonies for Marshal Tito. The late Yugoslav president's body will be laid to rest tomorrow in Belgrade.

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee Gen Mohammad Iqbal Khan, federal ministers and the Yugoslav ambassador in Pakistan bade him farewell at the airport.

HAQ ADDRESSES PRESS CONFERENCE ON CHINA VISIT

BK061802 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1700 GMT 6 May 80

[Text] President Gen Mohammad Ziaul Haq has said there is perfect understanding between Pakistan and China in all fields and this understanding has been further strengthened as a result of his present visit to China. He was addressing a news conference at the Islamabad airport this evening on return from his state visit to China.

The president said his talks with the Chinese leaders at all levels had shown that there was complete understanding and identity of views between the two countries on all matters, including international affairs and bilateral relations. He said although he had to cut short his visit to China because of the passing away of Marshal Tito, it did not have any material effect as his talks had almost been finalized. He said the talks, which covered all possible matters, would prove most fruitful.

The president said Pakistan and China are bound together by fraternal ties of friendship. The friendship between the two countries was not based on expediency, but on principles. He said Pakistan enjoys the support of China in all fields, including economic and social as well as the (?field) of defense requirements. This cooperation between the two countries will be further strengthened as a result of his visit, which he described as very successful. At the same time, the president emphasized that the policy of the Pakistan Government for the last 3 years has been to try to stand on its own feet. In this respect we can learn a lot from China.

The president replied in the affirmative when asked whether he had briefed the Chinese leaders about Pakistan's reaction to the message received from Soviet President Brezhnev. He emphasized that in international affairs the superpowers should not be kept aloof. He told a questioner that Pakistan had no quarrel with the Soviet Union. We have a fairly good economic relationship. It is a matter of principle on which Pakistan had taken a stand. The Soviet occupation of Afghanistan, which is an Islamic country and a member of the nonaligned movement, had materially disturbed the situation in this region.

He said they were trying to voice the opinion that in this [word indistinct] century, matters of principle should be taken into account rather than the use of sheer brute force or to prove that might is right. In this context, we have joined the Muslim countries who had made a significant display of their unanimous stand at the Islamic foreign ministers conference. He said the 104 members of the United Nations had also presented their views and taken up the stand that the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan was an infringement of the liberty of the people of Afghanistan. The president said all we are trying is to persuade the Soviet Union to withdraw its troops from Afghanistan.

Sends Message to Deng Xiaoping

BK070245 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 7 May 80

[Text] While en route home by plane, President Gen Mohammad Ziaul Haq sent a message to PRC Deputy Vice Prime Minister Deng Xiaoping saying: Our talks have further strengthened the existing ties of friendship and understanding between Pakistan and China. He thanked China for (?warm) hospitality and prayed for prosperity for the Chinese people.

GUINEA PRESIDENT STOPS OVER IN KARACHI, POSTPONES VISIT

BK070227 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 7 May 80

[Text] Guinea President Ahmed Sekou Toure passed through Karachi last evening on his way back home [from the PRC]. Acting Sind Governor Maj Gen Zahed 'Ali Akbar Khan and Foreign Ministry officials welcomed him at the airport and later saw him off. President Toure, who was to visit Pakistan from 12 May, has postponed his visit due to President Tito's death. He will now visit Pakistan at some other appropriate time.

PAKISTAN-PRC TECHNICAL COOPERATION TALKS BEGIN

BK070331 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 6 May 80

[Text] Talks between Pakistan and China on scientific and technical cooperation began in Islamabad this morning. Lin Shih, vice minister for economic cooperation with foreign countries, underlined the growing friendship between Pakistan and China. He said this friendship will be further promoted because it is based on mutual trust and cooperation. Earlier, the leader of the Pakistan delegation and federal secretary in the Ministry of Science and Technology thanked China for its help and cooperation.

The meeting lasted for more than 2 hours and expressed satisfaction at the implementation of the first and second protocol on scientific and economic cooperation between the two countries. The talks led to the formation of two committees comprising experts from two countries to work out details for a third protocol.

LIBYA REPORTEDLY PLANS TO SEND PAKISTANI WORKERS HOME

BK061405 Hong Kong AFP in English 0813 GMT 6 May 80

[Text] Islamabad, May 6 (AFP)--Libya is planning to send home 70,000 Pakistanis working in Libya, the daily MUSLIM paper reported today. The paper said 6,000 Pakistani workers had already reached Karachi following a deadlock in official level talks between the two countries.

Relations between the two Muslim countries have cooled recently. A Pakistani delegation, led by presidential Foreign Affairs Adviser Agha Shahi, visited Libya late last month to discuss bilateral ties and the immigrants issue.

Most Pakistani nationals in Libya went to work there during the regime of executed former Prime Minister Zulfiqar 'Ali Bhutto, which had excellent relations with Tripoli. The paper said that efforts were being made to find alternative jobs for the Pakistanis in other countries, including Gulf states.

Government Denial

BK061527 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 6 May 80

[Text] An official spokesman in Islamabad today refuted the report that 6,000 Pakistani workers have returned from Libya.

MALDIVES

INVESTIGATION BEGINS ON RECENT COUP ATTEMPT

OW051834 Hong Kong AFP in English 1820 GMT 5 May 80

[Text] Colombo, May 5 (AFP)--A detective from the Indian Ocean Republic of Maldives began investigations here today into the recent abortive coup in that country.

Maldivian President Maumoon Abdul Gayoom told parliament last week that a relative of the former President Amir Ibrahim Nasir had hired nine European mercenaries to overthrow the government. The plot had been foiled following information given by the Sri Lanka Government he said.

Maldivian detective Abbas Ibrahim, first lieutenant of the National Security Service of Maldives, is expected to question a leading Sri Lankan travel agent and a number of others here in connection with the plot. He is being assisted in the investigations by the Sri Lankan police.

NEPAL

PRINCE, FOREIGN MINISTER DEPART FOR TITO'S FUNERAL

BK061523 Katmandu External Service in English 1450 GMT 6 May 80

[Text] His Royal Highness Prince Gyanendra left Katmandu this evening for Belgrade, the capital of Yugoslavia, to be present at the state funeral of late Yugoslav President Marshal Josip Broz Tito on behalf of his majesty the king. His Royal Highness Prince Gyanendra was seen off at the Tribhuvan international airport by His Royal Highness Prince Dhirendra and other members of the royal family. Also present on the occasion were the prime minister, the Rashtriya panchayat chairman, the Raj Sabha standing committee chairman, members of diplomatic corps and other distinguished persons. Accompanying his royal highness are Foreign Minister K.B. Shahi and officials of the royal palace and [words indistinct].

SRI LANKA

OLYMPIC COMMITTEE DECIDES TO PARTICIPATE IN MOSCOW GAMES

BK061125 Colombo International Service in English 1045 GMT 6 May 80

[Text] The National Olympic Committee at a meeting yesterday decided that Sri Lanka should participate in the Moscow Olympic championship game in July. (Rajat Wiresena), president of the committeee, said that eight had voted for participation and one against it.

It may be recalled that the government had left the question open to the sports body without any direct interference on the issue.

DEVELOPMENTS IN RELATIONS WITH U.S., HOSTAGES

Hostage Reaction to Rescue Bid

NC070843 Paris AFP in English 0832 GMT 7 May 80

[Text] Tehran, May 7 (AFP)--The American hostages in Iran have been told about the ill-fated U.S. commando attempt to rescue them, press reports here said today. They were also told of the Iranian militants' threat to kill them if President Jimmy Carter ordered any further such action, the reports said.

The Tehran newspaper DONYA IRAN said some of the estimated 50 hostages were frightened and upset by news of the ill-fated raid, while others appeared "indifferent".

Student militants holding the American Embassy were claiming to have scattered their hostages among 12 (twelve) towns and cities across Iran since the U.S. operation on April 25.

DONYA IRAN said each group was accompanied by English-speaking students who were in daily contact with colleagues at the embassy.

Collaboration Investigation

LD070320 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0124 GMT 7 May 80

[Unattributed commentary]

[Excerpt] The Revolution Council spokesman has announced that the committee which is investigating the collaboration of a number of internal agents with the Americans in the abortive military intervention of that country against the Islamic Republic of Iran has submitted its preliminary report to the Revolution Council. Meanwhile, it is being said that investigation continues in order to clarify the details of the American military aggression against Iran so that some of the facts which have come to light will soon be made public.

The Iranian nation has been informed of the occurrence of the incident which indicated the U.S. military invasion on Iran. In spite of this, the Iranian nation still does not know fully the details of this conspiracy. In other words, after the passage of over 10 days since the Tabas incident, there are many questions for the Iranian nation which ought not be left unanswered.

The Iranian nation asks: Why, 48 hours before the implementation of the U.S. Military plan in Iran, were the antiaircraft guns removed from the Mehrabad airport? The Iranian nation asks: Why have the remaining U.S. aircraft in Iran's territory been bombarded? The Iranian nation asks: In view of the project why the responsible officials in Tabas [word indistinct] airport in Tabas, why have the responsible officials taken no action to destroy it?

It has also been said that the implementation of this plan, after the Red Cross obtained information on the presence of all the hostages at the espionage den, which it reported after their visit, is in itself questionable.

The Iranian nation asks: Why is no accurate information being given concerning the dubious martyrdom of the commander of the Yazd Revolution Corps? And finally the Iranian nation asks: Why are the internal elements who had a hand in this adventure not being revealed?

(?In any case) the Revolution Council spokesman has said that a report has been prepared on this, that is to say, on the cooperation of some internal agents with the American plan.

The truth is that right from the time the American military invasion against the Islamic Republic of Iran faced failure, the probability of cooperation by a number of internal agents in this conspiracy became stronger. [sentence as heard] In any case, it is advisable that the details pertaining to this plan, as well as the internal agents in this connection, should be made known to the Iranian nation.

The clarification of this matter as to what extent the internal agents took part in its planning and implementation will undoubtedly help the Iranian nation not to forget that in the course of the struggle with imperialism, a relentless campaign against its internal agents is a matter of special importance and priority.

DEVELOPMENTS FOLLOWING LONDON EMBASSY SIEGE

Message of Thanks

LD061024 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0930 GMT 6 May 80

[Text] Dr Abolhasan Bani-Sadr, the president, sent a message to the British prime minister today expressing gratitude for the efforts of that country's police in the rescue of the hostages at the Iranian Embassy in England. The text of Dr Abolhasan Bani-Sadr's message is as follows:

Your Excellency Mrs Margaret Thatcher, prime minister of the imperial country of Britain: With respect, I would hereby like to express my gratitude for the continuous efforts of the police of your country, who showed their skill in handling the situation during the unjust hostage-taking incident at the Iranian Embassy in London, from which all but one of our very dear children emerged safely.

[Signed] Respectfully, Abolhasan Bani-Sadr, president of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Extradition To Be Requested

NC061947 Paris AFP in English 1940 GMT 6 May 80

[Text] Tehran, May 6 (AFP)--Iran is to request the extradition of "two" gunmen who survived the siege of the Iranian Embassy in London, it was announced here today.

The request will be made officially as soon as the "militants" are identified, Revolutionary Council spokesman Hassan Habibi said.

(The Iranian version of only three dead out of the five Arab-ethnic gunmen who occupied the embassy contradicts official British figures that four of the terrorists died.)

One member of the embassy staff was killed and the head of the mission was wounded in the leg, Mr Habibi said.

Qotbzadeh Rejects Comparison

WA062210 London REUTER in English 2131 GMT 6 May 80

[Text] Tehran, May 6, REUTER--Foreign Minister Sadeq Qotbzadeh said tonight that the British rescue of 19 Iranian hostages from the besieged Iranian Embassy in London would not soften Iran's attitude towards its American hostages.

Mr Qotbzadeh said in a television interview, "These two cases are completely separate from each other."

(In London, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher called on Parliament today to "consider how we can turn this superb operation to the best advantage for the American hostages.")

Mr Qotbzadeh said the people who seized the London embassy could be compared to a group of Germans occupying the U.S. Embassy in Iran and demanding home rule for California.

"Now, some Arabs from Iraq went to London, occupied our embassy, asking for the separation of (the southern Iranian province of) Khuzestan," he said.

Such demands were impossible to fulfill and British security forces were perfectly right to intervene, Mr Qotbzadeh said.

"But the occupation of the American Embassy in Iran, which was the result of many years of pressures and disasters imposed on our nation, has been done by our nation," he said.

REVOLUTION COUNCIL MEETS; QOTBZADEH, HABIBI COMMENT

LD070328 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0230 GMT 7 May 80

[Text] The Revolution Council held a meeting last night. According to the PARS NEWS AGENCY correspondent's report, at the end of the meeting Foreign Minister Sadeq Qotbzadeh said about the possibility of PLO mediation between Iran and Iraq: We have repeatedly and clearly announced that we do not accept any form of mediation by anyone between Iran and Iraq. The criminal government of Iraq which is responsible for all these crimes must be toppled. No contact has been established about mediation.

With regard to the extradition of the raiders of the Iranian Embassy in London, he said: We have taken measures in this respect which will be announced later.

At the end of the meeting, Revolution Council spokesman Dr Hasan Habibi told correspondents: At this meeting, Mr Qotbzadeh gave a report on the Iranian Embassy in London, and as of this moment, we know for certain that we have had one martyr, and that fortunately, the rest of the embassy staff are all safe. He added: The British police planted grenades around the embassy which exploded simultaneously, and afterwards, with the permission of the Iranian Government, stormed the embassy. Three of the gunmen were killed and the rest were arrested. As they told us, the gunmen spoke Persian badly and preferred to speak Arabic.

The Revolution Council spokesman added: The Iranian Government awaits the announcement of the names of the arrested gunmen so that it can then request the British Government for their extradition. In any case, this is a matter for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Regarding the cabinet changes, Dr Habibi said: No discussion took place on this at this meeting, but I am among the persons who agreed to it.

Of course, not because this is very proper to do so, rather in view of fact that the results of the second round of the parliamentary election will shortly be known both in Tehran and the provinces and a number of the cabinet members will go to Parliament. Hence, they should resign their ministerial posts, and in this way, the government situation would be very (?unclear). In addition, a number of deputy ministers have also been elected. If the new members of the cabinet are introduced during the present week, it would be much better.

As to the possibility that a number of deputies could also be ministers, he said: This would need legal authorization. In any case, similar instances of it have been in several countries, including Britain or the fourth French Republic.

BEHESHTI ASKS FOR ISLAMIC ECONOMIC PROGRAM

LD070138 [Editorial report] Tehran Domestic Service in Persian at 2135 GMT on 6 May carries an 85-minute speech by Ayatollah Beheshti, who speaks in detail about Islamic art, Islamic education, Islam's teachings concerning war and the need to be ready to fight those who are against Islam. He announces that he has something very important to say and asks the people to refrain from chanting "God is great" and to concentrate on what he wishes to say because this may prove to be a turning point in the history of the Islamic Revolution. He says he is asking his wife, children and relatives to assist him so that he will be the first one to implement what he is going to suggest. He continues:

"What I want to say bluntly and clearly is this: Our Islamic Revolution is facing certain danger and harm as the result of the economic relations existing in our society, because it has not become Islamic in this respect. Please leave the call of "God is great" to the end of my remarks and let my words penetrate the conscience. Today our revolutionary men, women, young people and youth see with their own eyes that nearly 15 months have passed since the victory of the revolution, but still those who are well-fed and very well-fed can be seen alongside those who are hungry and very hungry. So long as this continues our society will not be an Islamic society. [shouts of "God is great"] All right, say "God is great," but please do not say "God is great" any more until my remarks are finished because as I said this is an important matter. It is a new subject, it is a turning point in the evolution of our revolution. It must be followed, and we must follow it up.

"In the Revolution Council I have repeatedly said in these very words to my friends: My friends, it is not acceptable to us that while we are in charge of the administration of this society there are people in this country who go to bed hungry; or that a person sleeps under a roof and is worried that the roof may come down on him and his loved ones; or that his life and the lives of his loved ones are endangered by lack of medicine. This cannot be acceptable. I have said this several times in the Revolution Council. However, I must confess in front of our dear nation that our success in this field has been extremely small.

"Today, I wish to announce on this day and in this gathering that all those people whose hearts are filled with excitement and affection for this revolution and whose hearts beat with the love of this revolution must start a speedy, decisive and effective movement to put an end as soon as possible to this hellish difference in the income levels in this society of the Islamic Republic of Iran. As I enjoy a relatively middle class life and as I am in relative comfort, it is my duty to lead the way and volunteer and call others to volunteer. I wish other people would lead the way so that I could follow their example so that my comments and my deeds would be free of any sign of hypocrisy, pretense and ambition. However, if nobody else volunteers to lead then I am forced to go ahead and act.

"Here, I announce that as soon as possible an attempt should be made for an equitable distribution on a per capita basis of all the welfare facilities of this country among its 36 million people. Otherwise, our Islam would still remain one dismensional, and our Islamic Revolution would not be all comprehensive. I announce that our artisans and our merchants should know that it is contrary to Islam to have excessive profits. Owners of small factories should know that excessive profiteering is contrary to Islamic teachings."

He then cites the example of Muhammad on sharing, and says, "We should have done the same in the first year of the victory of our revolution. It is already late, but it is better late than never. This is not a question of private gain, but it is a gain for Islam and for revolution. This year, 1359, should become--under any circumstances and at any price--the year for an equitable, per capita distribution of all domestic production and all other existing assets of Iran among all the Iranian people. If we did so speedily this year would become the year of strength and solidarity of the Islamic Revolution of Iran.

"Let me say this, too, that I am announcing this thesis as an Islamic idea and not as a reaction against the leftists and leftist inclined who are leading comfortable and luxurious lives. This is an Islamic principle. What is the necessary accompaniment of brotherhood? It is equality. We cannot strengthen Islamic brotherhood and fraternity and, at the same time, accept the daily increasing of income differences. It is impossible.

"A few days ago I decisively discussed this matter in the economics committee of the Revolution Council of which I am a member. I told my friends that the economic program of 1359 should be based on this foundation by the Revolution Council. This evening we had a long session with our friends on this matter which lasted for 4 hours, which was to a large extent successful. Of course, it is not going to be very easy to implement it throughout the country. We will have many difficulties in its implementation, because we wish to establish this equality in such a way so as not to distribute poverty. We do not wish to increase poverty and then to distribute it among the people. We wish to advance the country toward greater economic wealth, but while we are advancing toward greater economic well-being we should try to justly distribute at every stage the facilities and the wealth among all the people. These two do not contradict each other.

"We are trying to find a solution for its implementation."

He then asks all those who are interested to send their views to him or to the Revolution Council.

He continues: In any case, Islam and the Islamic Revolution can remain immune from deviating toward Western capitalism or the state capitalism of the Eastern camp only if we can completely destroy the tyrannical, satanical, parasitical economic order which is the result of 2,500 years of satanical regimes and replace it with the equitable and fraternal Islamic relations which are based on equality.

"I invite, in a sincere and brotherly fashion, all those people who in any way are enjoying higher economic well-being and who have incomes which are above the level of the national per capita income to come and volunteer, to pioneer and to cooperate in the implementation and the establishment of this Islamic ideal.

"Second, I request the lofty leaders of the revolution, the honorable sources of emulation, the valuable and committed Muslim clergy and all the various leaders of the Islamic Republic, to act speedily in drawing up a comprehensive program and start as soon as possible this revolutionary act and this new, evolutionary stage in our Islamic Revolution. I request them to act in such a way that this effective measure may be implemented at the earliest possible opportunity so that our deprived society and the deprived people in our society may see with their own eyes that the economic equity of Islam has been established.

"I hope that the rightists will not immediately put the label of leftist tendencies on this sincere and frank proposal, and that the self-alienated leftists won't put the label of opportunism on this heartfelt suggestion. This is neither leftist nor opportunist; it is only to give a speedy response to an Islamic sentiment which exists in most of us and which we are lovingly looking forward to embrace as soon as possible.

"I hope that in the coming weeks, in a near future, this ideal of the Islam of Muhammad and 'Ali may be realized, and I hope that all the lovers of Islam will participate in a creative and effective way in this victorious and victory-bestowing Islamic economic program of the year 1359."

PARS REPORTS KHOMEYNI SPEECH ON WOMEN'S DAY

LD061016 Tehran PARS in English 0831 GMT 6 May 80

[Text] Tehran, May 6 (PARS NEWS AGENCY)--The leader of the Islamic Revolution of Iran, Imam Khomeyni, yesterday praised the Iranian women as contributors to the fulfillment of the Islamic Revolution. He glorified the status of women in the society of Iran and presented his felicitations to the Iranian women on the occasion of the 1409th birthday of Fatimah. The following is the text of the Imam's speech on the occasion:

If we should have a day named after our women there is no day better fitted for the purpose than the birthday of Fatimah Zahra, a lady who was the pride of the household of Prophet Mohammad and a personality who glitters on the crown of Islam. She was a lady whose virtues were comparable to those of our Prophet Mohammad and who was one of a family of the virtuous. Every person with every different outlook had said things in praise of this noble lady but none have been able thus far to do her justice in their praises. The traditions which have been handed down to us have been only so narrated as to be within the perceptive capability of the hearers. There is no way to confine an ocean of water in a jug. Whatever the people have said, has been limited to the boundaries of their own perception and therefore such praises are far from the real dignity of Fatimah.

Let us now pass this valley of wonder and discover the real faculties and virtues of our women, as the poisonous and misleading pens of the writers of the Pahlavi era and the sermons of uncivilized orators during the black fifty years of the two Pahlavis only aimed at exploiting women as objects of trade. Those of our women who were vulnerable were led to places which my pen is incapable of relating. Whoever is interested in knowing the details of such crimes can only refer to the newspapers of those days. He can go to sites of former brothels and read the obscene and doggerel verses of the riff-raffs of the days of Reza Khan which were in the vogue even since the imposition of his order for compulsary unveiling of our women. Whoever is interested in knowing what destruction they brought to our women can learn by learning about the [word indistinct] and the gatherings of the so-called elite people of those days. May eternal (?disgrace) be with them. May the pens of their intellectuals of [words indistinct] whose crimes which were committed in the name of liberal men and women were done so without being designed by international world grabbers and criminals. The luring of our youth to places of ill repute and prostitution was only one of their aims, and truly they succeeded in fulfilling their crimes: They emptied our country of the active members of our society, and they rendered the brains of our people devoid of reasoning so that the ruling class could continue to plunder the wealth of this country in front of the noses of indifferent people. Today, thanks to the blessing of our Islamic movement, our women have somewhat regained their lost status as members of our society. Aside from a small group of our women who belong to the more affluent classes, who are remnants of the former perverted regime of the Pahlavis, who have turned themselves as objects of trade, who follow the aspirations of the same regime, who still implement the same old plots of foreigners, and who are promoters of the CIA and SAVAK in Iran. The rest of our women are lionhearts devoted to the task of reconstructing themselves in sciences and in educational aspects.

Today you find no city, town or village (in our country) which should be without women's Islamic associations and cultural societies for women.

Owing to the blessing of Islam, our Islamic movement has brought--as it were overnight--a reform in the minds of our women and men, and you noble nation witnessed how our committed and noble women preceded our men in taking to the arena of combat and how they broke down the lofty fort of monarchy in this country. We all owe it to our women for the triumph of this movement. Today after the defeat of the superpowers and after the annihilation of their plots, it is only fitting that we should have a day as our "women's day" on which occasion we can take pride on our women and seize upon the opportunity for letting the world know of the status of women in an Islamic society and of the progress of women in our country.

Today our women work alongside our men for reconstructing themselves and the country. This is our perception of "liberal women" and "liberal men" in contrast with what they meant at the time of the deposed shah. At that time by the freedom of women they meant at imprisoning of women, their subjection to repression and torture. I call on our women to abandon the conduct which was once typical of the past regime and to get to the task of reconstructing Iran which belongs to themselves and to their children. May we rid ourselves from the yoke of dependence in its full spectrum. [sentence as received]

STUDENTS ISSUE STATEMENT NO 124 ON WOMEN'S DAY

LD061936 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1730 GMT 6 May 80

[Text] The Muslim student followers of the imam's policy stationed at the den of espionage have issued statement No 124 on Women's Day, the felicitous anniversary of the birthday of Fatimah az-Zahra, may God's greetings be upon her. The statement says:

May 6 is the anniversary of the felicitous and blissful birthday of the daughter of the lofty prophet of Islam, Fatimah az-Zahra, may God's greetings be upon her, and also the anniversary of the birthday of her valiant and brave son, the great leader of the revolution and the founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran. We express our felicitations on this occasion to the Muslim community and the committed and virtuous women.

From the viewpoint of Islam, women hold the highest human position and their most sublime mission is the upbringing of human beings, which should be carried out with special attention because the lap of the mother is the first, the purest and the greatest cradle and training center for exemplary human beings in the world of creation. From the great prophets of God to the saints of God and the saviors, reformers and thinkers as well as fighters and strugglers--all of them have learned their very first lessons from the laps of their mothers where they were trained and educated. It is this great mission of women which places them on the same rank as the prophets.

In another part of this statement it says: It is fitting for the revolutionary women of the Iranian society to become further acquainted with the imam's policy concerning women and their mission and to invite the women of our age to study the position of women in Islam and to show them how Islam and the Islamic Revolution glorifies women. They should demonstrate that the parth which is shown by our mercenary and self-alienated writers and which is presented as liberation is nothing but deceit, cheating and prostitution presented in a seemingly attractive guise. Finally, they should bring the call of Islam concerning women and their position and rights to the notice of the world and should tell the world how women should participate in political and social affairs. They should teach society about the giving and sacrifices which resulted in the sacrificing of great martyrs at the threshold of Islam.

We hope that the women in the revolutionary society of Iran will protect their Islamic movement through piety and self-regeneration and that they will repay their debt to their objective and their noble nation now that the courageous nation is confronting the world-devouring America.

UNREST, VIOLENCE CONTINUE IN PROVINCES

Ahvaz Railroad Bomb

GF061340 Ahvaz Domestic Service in Persian 1230 GMT 6 May 80

[Text] The Ahvaz Corps of the Islamic Revolution Guards has announced that at 0730 today, the Ahvaz railroad committee was notified by the railroad control bureau that a bomb had been discovered between Bamdezh and Ahudasht stations, between kilometers 755 and 756.

The corps operations section immediately dispatched a bomb squad to the site. The bomb, which had been placed under the railroad tracks, was deactivated. According to the Guards Corps, the bomb contained eight sticks of Soviet-made TNT.

According to a PARS report, at 0705 today, prior to its arrival in the area where the bomb had been discovered, the Tehran-Khorramshahr express passenger train--which had left Tehran at 1530 the previous day--noticed the stop sign that had been erected by the railroad watchman. After taking necessary measure, the train left for Ahvaz at 0930, following a 2 hour and 40 minute delay.

Agha Jari Airport Bomb Threat

GF061415 Ahvaz Domestic Service in Persian 1230 GMT 6 May 80

[Text] In a telephone interview with our correspondent, the commanding officer of the Omidiyyeh gendarmerie station said that at 1230 today it was reported that some bombs had been planted at Agha Jari airport. Gendarmes were immediately dispatched to search the airport and keep it under surveillance. The Agha Jari airport chief said several unidentified telephone calls informed them that bombs had been planted at the airport.

With the approval of regional National Iranian Oil Company [NIOC] officials, all of today's NIOC flights--the 0900 flight between Abadan and Agha Jari, the return flight and the scheduled 1430 Gachsaran-Agha Jari-Abadan flight--were immediately canceled.

The airport is currently under strict control and surveillance by Revolution Guards and Omidiyyeh gendarmes. So far, nothing unusual or suspicious has been discovered. The Agha Jari airport chief added that the citizens of Omidiyyeh and the areas surrounding the airport are completely calm and are diligent and watchful 24 hours a day.

There will be no flights to or from Agha Jari airport until further notice.

Tribesmen Support Khomeyni, Bani-Sadr

GF061445 Ahvaz Domestic Service in Persian 1230 GMT 6 May 80

[Text] Heydari tribesmen from Basriyyeh village have expressed their support for the great leader of the revolution, Imam Khomeyni, and Dr Abolhasan Bani-Sadr, the president, by sending a letter to the Ahvaz branch of the Voice of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

In this letter, they have also announced their readiness to fight against both external and internal hypocrites and their preparedness to guard our homeland's borders.

Fars Citizens To Report Troublemakers

GF061730 Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian 1400 GMT 6 May 80

[Announcement issued by the public relations office of the Fars Corps of the Revolution Guards; no date given--read by announcer]

[Text] In His exalted name. O dear Muslim citizens, according to information we have received, some followers of aberrant groups are poisoning the atmosphere of the city with their counterrevolutionary propaganda and suggestions on the eve of the second phase of the Islamic parliamentary elections.

In order to carry out their plots, they are going to people's houses, creating disturbances and causing discomfort for our dear citizens.

Accordingly, we ask everyone to report these servants of the United States to the Corps of the Revolution Guards or to law enforcement officials so they can be exposed before the Muslim people after their trials in our revolution courts.

Arrests in Fars

GF061750 Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian 1400 GMT 6 May 80

[Text] During the past 3 days, drug enforcement officials of the Fars police department have arrested 20 smugglers and 6 professional bandits and have confiscated a stolen Arya automobile with registration No 82875T2, along with 1.5 kg of opiates and 132 grams of pure heroin.

The public relations office of the Fars police department, while thanking all citizens, has asked them to assist the authorities by reporting any transactions involving the distribution and sale of narcotics to the drug enforcement office of the police department by calling them at 36888 repeat 36888.

Weapons Seized

GF061804 Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian 1400 GMT 6 May 80

[Text] The Kazerun Corps of the Islamic Revolution Guards have seized an M-1 government rifle and 13 bullets from a vehicle on the Kenarshahijan road. Our correspondent has also reported that a double-barrel shotgun has been discovered in another passenger car (?stalled) in the nearby area. All passengers in the vehicle have been arrested and sent to the Kazerun Islamic Revolution Court.

Bushehr Arrest

GF061822 Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian 1400 GMT 6 May 80

[Text] According to orders issued by the Bushehr Islamic Revolution Court, Asad Khan Chaq-Kutahi has been arrested and turned over to the court. Our correspondent reports that as a result of a body search, a .28-caliber Colt pistol and a number of bullets have been found in his possession.

DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING RELATIONS WITH IRAQ

Attack on Paveh

LD061038 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0930 GMT 6 May 80

[Text] According to reports received at the press center in Kermanshah, armed assailants supported by the hirelings of the Iraqi Ba'thist government attacked the city of Paveh from a number of directions this morning.

In confirming this, the public relations officer of the Kermanshah 81st Armored Division told the Kermanshah press center at 1045 today: At 0100 today armed assailants, helped by the agents of the Iraqi Ba'thist government, opened fire again on the homes of the inhabitants of Paveh from various directions with mortars and light weapons.

The forces of the army of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Revolution Guards Corps returned the fire bravely. As a result of the return fire of the military forces, the assailants retreated, leaving behind weapons like mortar, light weapons, walkie-talkies and personnel effects.

According to the report, during this clash, which was still going on at the time of the dispatch of the report, 1100, a number of the assailants were killed and arrested.

Oil Well Attack

LD061044 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0930 GMT 6 May 80

[Text] According to reports received by the Kermanshah center news unit, last night, armed assailants who are supported by the Iraqi puppet government attacked the guard post of Oil Well No Eight of Safe-e Shahr.

The commander of the Kermanshah gendarmerie, confirming this report, told our correspondent: At 0200 last night armed assailants attacked the guard post of this oil well using light and heavy weapons. They were confronted with resistance by the personnel stationed in the region.

According to this report, during the clash which lasted until 0400, three of the assailants were killed and structural damage was done to the guard post of Oil Well No Eight.

Peshmerga Set Fire to Pipeline

JN062009 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1900 GMT 6 May 80

[Text] PARS NEWS AGENCY cites the spokesman for the United Socialist Kurdistan Party in Iraq as saying that peshmerga elements who are members of this party set fire for the second time to an oil pipeline and a warehouse belonging to the (?Jinzar) oil company between Kirkuk and (Kusanjar).

The spokesman added that 10 of the treasonous Ba'th regime police were killed in this attack and that the company's engineers, who are of French, Bulgarian and Bangladesh nationalities, ran away to the city of [name indistinct].

KHOMEYNI SENDS CONDOLENCES TO AYATOLLAH SHIRAZI

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[Text of cable sent by Ayatollah Khomeyni to Ayatollah Shirazi on the death of his brother Hojjat ol-Eslam Hasan Shirazi--date not given]

[Text] I have been affected by the regrettable incident that has involved you, and I offer you my condolences.

These cowardly assassinations, which are carried out by the mercenaries of the Iraqi Ba'thist regime, clearly reveal to us the criminal U.S. hand. We hope that this hand will be severed by the awareness and unity of all the Muslims.

[Signed] Ruhollah Musavi Khomeyni.

OIL MINISTER MO'INFAR, LIBYAN COUNTERPART MEET PRESS

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[Text] After yesterday's meeting between Petroleum Minister 'Ali Akbar Mo'infar and his visiting Libyan counterpart, the two ministers held a press, television and radio conference in which the Libyan minister explained his country's oil policy in relation to Iran's policy in this regard.

The Libyan petroleum minister said: Coordination in oil production and exportation to world countries were among the important topics which have been discussed. Both countries, fortunately, showed mutual understanding.

The Iranian oil minister expressed satisfaction over the outcome of talks. He said: What is important is for us to be able to limit oil production. If this goal is achieved it will not only serve our national interests, but will also serve the interests of the producing and consuming countries and the interests of all mankind.

Mo'infar said that Iran's crude oil production amounts to 2 million barrels a day: 1 million for local consumption and the other million for export. He said that all our efforts are aimed at upgrading the level of production so as to reach a maximum of 3 million barrels a day. In case of the imposition of a U.S. economic siege, which will not succeed, of course, we will be able to maintain a production level amounting to 1 million barrels daily, since we will not be exporting oil.

The Iranian oil minister warned the countries which follow the U.S. policy that they will not receive even a drop of oil. On oil prices increases, Mo'infar said: Most of the producing countries want to increase prices, but I think we should wait for the OPEC decision in this regard.

Inspect Shiraz Refinery

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[Text] According to a report from our colleagues in Shiraz center, Engineer Mo'infar, the Iranian oil minister, today arrived in Shiraz with his Libyan counterpart in order to inspect the Shiraz oil refinery. The Iranian and Libyan oil ministers participated in Shiraz in the march on the occasion of Women's Day to the front of the American den of espionage in this city. They later went to the oil refinery, which is located 30 km from Shiraz, in order to inspect various parts of the refinery.

MAHSHAHR OFFICIAL ON DISTRIBUTION, PRODUCTION PROBLEMS

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[Text] The distribution of liquid natural gas at the Mahshahr National Gas Company has reached 800 tons daily. It is expected that this amount will be increased within a few days to 1,000 tons daily by using the gas refining system at the Mahshahr refinery.

In announcing this to PARS in Abadan, as informed source at the Mahshahr National Gas Company said the decreased production and distribution of liquid natural gas is due to the recent explosions at Mahshahr gas pipelines. He said the gas shortage is due to a shortage of transportation facilities to carry the gas. He added that they are presently receiving 200 tons of gas from Mahshahr refinery and 600 tons from Abadan refinery.

HUA GUOFENG EN ROUTE TO YUGOSLAVIA CABLES BANI-SADR

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[Text of cable from PRC Communist Party Central Committee Chairman Huo Guofeng to Iranian President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr on 6 May]

[Text] Dr Abolhasan Bani-Sadr, president of the Islamic Republic of Iran: While passing through Iranian airspace on my way to Yugoslavia, I would like to express sincere wishes for the safety and good health to Your Excellency, security for your country and continued cooperation between the PRC and Iran.

6 May 1980

[Signed] Hua Guofeng.

BBC REPORTS MURDER OF SON OF ANGLICAN BISHOP

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[Fron "News Desk"]

[Text] The son of the Anglican bishop of Iran has been murdered in Tehran. A BBC correspondent in the Iranian capital says Mr (Bahran Behani Tacti), an economics lecturer, was shot by unidentified gunmen as he was driving through the city. Last October his father escaped an assassination attempt at his home in Esfahan. He now lives in Cyprus. A few days ago the bishop's secretary was seriously wounded by gunmen at the Anglican office in Tehran.

AIRLINE DENIES REDUCED FLIGHT SAFETY DUE TO CRISIS

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[Text] Tehran, May 6 (KYODO)--Iran Air authorities Tuesday bluntly denied speculation that the safety of the Iranian national flag carrier is adversely affected by the current conflict between Iran and the United States.

The authorities said that no flight has been delayed or suspended by the airline's inability to procure engine oil or spare parts from manufacturers because of U.S. sanctions against Iran. They said they were displeased that the rumors had flourished in Japan because Tokyo is the starting point for a popular air route through Beijing to Tehran. They said they were worried that the rumors of spare parts shortages could hurt the twice-weekly service.

Informed sources in Tehran said the Iranian government paid serious attention to the rumors in Japan because the Tokyo government seemed inclined to follow U.S. anti-Iranian diplomacy. The airline officials said the speculation centered on the availability of Mobil Oil Co engine oil and spare engine parts. Mobil, a U.S. company, has refused to sell fuel or engine oil to Iran air since the beginning of April in accordance with President Jimmy Carter's sanctions.

The officials said a small amount of the oil is flown to Tokyo from Tehran on each flight because it is not available at the new Tokyo international airport. They said Iran Air managed to buy Mobil brand engine oil from wholesalers several weeks ago and has stocked the same quality of engine oil in Tehran.

As to supply of spare parts, which were imported from the U.S. earlier, the airplane authorities confirmed that they had enough stocks to meet the demands of the operational section for at least six months. Furthermore, there were many foreign agents willing to sell any necessities to Iran Air even though the U.S. aircraft manufacturer could not deal with the Iranian civil aviation authorities, the authorities stressed. Therefore, the authorities emphatically said no Iran Air flight would be permitted to leave the airport without being carefully checked and assured of its safety.

They also stressed that no Iranian jet plane would fly on its regular route if it was ill-equipped or short of consumption goods for its flight.

The Iran Air authorities also termed as groundless the West European reports that some Iran Air liners have changed their flight schedules and suspended others because of lack of spare parts. They insisted that so far only minor changes were made in flights due to seasonal reasons.

NVOI COMMENTARY WARNS OF COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY PLOTS

TA061928 [Editorial Report] The clandestine National Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran at 1730 on May carried the following commentary:

Entitled, "Let Us Thwart the Plots of Internal Counterrevolutionaries As Well As Those of Foreign Aggressors," it says the failure of the U.S. imperialist plot against Iran, which was carried out under the pretext of freeing the U.S. hostage spies, has served as an excuse for the resumption of acts by counterrevolutionaries and former regime supporters. It is a well known fact that this U.S. plan was not intended to free the hostages but to carry out a coup d'etat in which the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran would be overthrown and replaced by a puppet regime. Enemies of the revolution infiltrated the army, police and administrative organizations and were lying in wait for the proper moment to damage the Iranian Revolution. The recent disturbances in the country--bomb explosions in cinemas or the disturbances in universities--show that counterrevolution has lifted its head.

The possibility of the United States repeating an aggressive act against Iran exists. In connection with this issue the Iranian Army's general staff has issued a statement warning all the armed forces and the Iranian nation that Carter will soon resort to another military plot against Iran in order to amend hisrecent defeat and gain votes in his election campaign. The true forces of the revolution have justly pointed out that during these sensitive moments all differences of opinion should be put aside and, fortifying their ranks, they should direct their strength toward thwarting the plots of counterrevolutionaries and U.S. imperialism. The imam has asked the Iranian nation to prevent counterrevolution from carrying out its plots. Thus, the Iranian nation should double its vigilance.

IRAQI KURD CHIEF TALABANI BACKS KHOMEYNI AGAINST U.S.

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[Excerpts] In separate messages to Imam Khomeyni and Abolhasan Bani-Sadr, Jalal Talabani, secretary general of the Patriotic Union of Kordestan, communicated his adherence to the Islamic Republic of Iran while pointing out that the freedom-loving people in Iraq--whether Kurds, Arabs, Turkomen, Sunnis, Shi'ites, Moslems, or Christians--all support the Islamic Revolution of Iran.

Jalal Talabani's message to Imam Khomeyni stated the following: Your Eminence, Ayatollah Imam Khomeyni, torchbearer of humanity's light, supreme leader of the Islamic Revolution with power and glory! We learned of the United States' hostile violation of the Islamic Republic and realized that American imperialism is the blood-sucking enemy of all Islamic groups, all the oppressed, and all the deprived of the world.

The Chinese-American plot against the Islamic Revolution and your leadership is spreading hatred all over the world against your revolutionary brothers as well as in Iraq where it is being conducted by the hellish cats-paw of Zionist colonialism against the Islamic Revolution and is involved in all kinds of crimes that the Ba'th Party has committed against the freedom-loving people of Iraq. This is the same bloody cats-paw that murdered Ayatollah Seyyed Mohammad Baqir as-Sadr after subjecting him to the worst kind of barbaric torture.

The freedom-loving people of Iraq--whether Kurds, Arabs, Turkomen, Sunnis, or Shi'ites--all follow the Islamic Revolution which has risen up to crush colonialism and Zionism and is trying to overthrow the government of Saddam At-Takriti, the traitorous cats-paw of America.

The same government that conducted the same unacceptable campaign against the Palestinians revolutionaries, Iran, and Iraq is following the colonialist plans of Zionism and is the enemy of the oppressed. We proclaim that all our forces are at the disposal of the Islamic Revolution of Iran, and all our resources are arrayed with the Islamic Revolution to crush imperialism.

May God grant you success in behalf of the Revolution of the Moslems and all the oppressed.

Salutations to you and divine blessing.

[Signed] Jalal Talabani, secretary general of the Patriotic Union of Kordestan.

LATE REPORT: BEHESHTI: HOSTAGE DEBATE PROBABLY NOT BEFORE 20 JUN

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[Text] Tehran, May 7 (AFP)--The fate of the Americans held hostage in Iran will probably not be debated before June 20 by the new parliament, the leader of the powerful Islamic Republican Party said today.

Ayatollah Mohammad Beheshti told a press conference that MP's would not discuss the hostage affair until about six weeks after Friday's scheduled second-round vote for the national assembly.

He also stressed that the release of Iranians after the London embassy siege would not affect treatment of the estimated 50 Americans held in Iran for just over six months, stressing that the two embassy take-overs were unrelated.

"The American hostages were not held here by a group of terrorists" with various demands and insisting that otherwise "they will shoot one hostage every half hour," he said.

Asked if he supported the taking of diplomats as hostages Dr Beheshti said that the occupation of the American Embassy in Tehran and its official Iranian backing should be seen in its "critical and historical" context.

"It was only the reaction of the Iranian nation against the long-term aggressive activities of the Americans against this nation," he said. Praising the British operation to free the London hostages, the Islamic Republican leader commented: "Such happenings must help our nation and the government to develop relations (with Britain)."